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HAZEL GREEN, KY.:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce D. S. GODSEY as a candidate for the legislature, subject to action of the democratic party.

TOBACCO OR GRAPES?

In view of the fact that we are almost certain to have railroad transportation to the leading markets of the country at no distant day, it seems that the wide-awake farmer should discontinue tobacco raising and put his land in something more productive. Tobacco, to say the least, is the most injurious to land of anything grown upon it. It takes up the strength of the soil and soon renders it unfit for the production of a remunerative crop of any kind. Besides, the prices which now obtain are fluctuating, so that when the farmer puts in a crop he has but a vague idea of what it will bring him after his time and toil of raising and curing it; and, indeed, there is no certainty of its being cured in a way to produce the best results. Another argument against it is the fact that there is scarcely any solid insurance company in the land which will have the temerity to insure a crop of tobacco in the coming years, after their experience of the past season.

We would not advise an absolute cutting off of the tobacco crop at once. A fruit farm will be more profitable by far than tobacco. The soil here is admirably adapted to fruits of all kinds, and especially grapes, and after grapes, wine-making—pure native wine. One acre of grapes on our land will produce more money than any one acre in the State will produce in tobacco.

The farmer who will this year plant a vineyard can have the satisfaction, in less than five years from to-day of knowing that he has "struck it rich." By all means plant a south hill side in grapes this year, and as the vines grow, save slips; and increase your acreage. Doubt the wisdom of it if you will, but cut this out and glue it in some conspicuous place to read later on in life. Every farmer who plants a vineyard in 1885 will increase his worldly wealth tenfold before another half decade shall have passed away. The demand for pure native wine is increasing year by year. The extent to which grape growing and wine-making can be carried on in this country is great beyond conception. France has an area of 204,147 square miles (less than the area of the state of Texas), yet on 4.27 per cent. of the area of France the product of wine in 1870 was 1,570,371,230 gallons, worth, at the low price of 25 cents a gallon, \$392,592,807, or more than the value of the entire wheat crop from the whole United States for that year. In other words, France, on an area a little more than one-fifth the size of Kentucky, produced wine valued at more than the value of the wheat crop of the United States, or of the cotton crop.

SWANGO SPRINGS.

The wonderful spring bearing the above name is scarcely known beyond the borders of Kentucky, and yet the water of this spring has performed more wonderful cures, according to the number who have visited it, than any spring in the world, not excepting even the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas. Like the water of Hot Springs, it is as efficacious in external as it is in internal use. And unlike Hot Springs, it is a sovereign remedy in lung troubles. Several cases of consumption, pronounced beyond the skill of physicians, have succumbed to a free use of this water as a tonic; while innumerable persons, afflicted with rheumatism, owe their existence to the health-giving qualities of it, used as a bath. We might go on and cite hundreds of persons whose existence seemed a burden and life seemed ebbing away, until induced to try the virtues of Swango Spring. When, behold, they announce that "iron is king," and take a new lease on life. Herein lies the secret of its life-giving properties—it contains more iron than any other mineral water in the world. Sick headache, torpid liver, constipation, neuralgia, nervousness, sallow complexion, restlessness, dyspepsia, are all cured by the free and frequent use of this water. But space forbids a fuller description of the spring and the virtues of the water in the present issue. We appeal to all suffering humanity who may read this article, to try this spring as soon as convenient.

Marshall is now the only county in Kentucky without a newspaper.—Winchester Democrat.

Why, LITTLE, you're way off. Your next neighbor and daughter of Clarke, Powell, together with some fifteen other counties, are without that blessing.

WOLFE'S WEALTH.

WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT MAY BE.

The Future Seat of Large Manufactories.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 27, 1885.
Editor of THE HAZEL GREEN HERALD:

Some time since, I had the pleasure and privilege of visiting your county. I had carried in my mind some general ideas of its location and resources from the war days of 1863, and from a general examination of the state reports of our geological survey, but I was totally unprepared to find such enormous undeveloped wealth in a county so close to leading railway lines. In an average of real wealth, few counties can surpass Wolfe. If the Kentucky Union railway were completed by way of the Red river valley and Campton through Wolfe county, in less than five years the income from the products of the county would surpass those of any county in the state. Great as Bourbon, Fayette, Scott, Woodford, Clarke, Jessamine, or other of the richest agricultural counties of the state, may be, they have nothing which can approximate the vast natural wealth of Wolfe, which is now classed in the unfortunate list of "pauper counties." Wolfe and Powell contain the only white pine south of the Ohio river. I rode for fifteen miles, through splendid forests of this valuable wood. Gentlemen from other states with me, were amazed at this immense wealth, now unproductive and being destroyed by decay and forest fire. Having seen the Michigan forests, I feel safe in saying that many of the trees in this belt surpass the best pine lands of Michigan, and judging from what I personally saw, I should say that there was in Wolfe county, enough of this white pine timber to make its value to the county for twenty years, according to acreage, equal to the wheat production of the best counties in Kentucky for a similar period. If the timber were removed, agriculture would follow in the wake of the woodman's axe, and thus thousands of acres, when denuded of valuable timber, would produce tobacco and fruits equal to the best products of similar things in any part of Kentucky.

The extent and value of your oak forests were equally amazing. The oak timber of Wolfe county could not be cleared out for twenty years, and it cannot be excelled in quality or quantity per acre, by any oak land in America. The trees, so tall, and straight and clear, will produce the highest quality of ship and railway timber. An acre of much of the oak forest in Wolfe county, would produce in one year more revenue to its owner than the pasturage from the best blue grass land would produce in ten years.

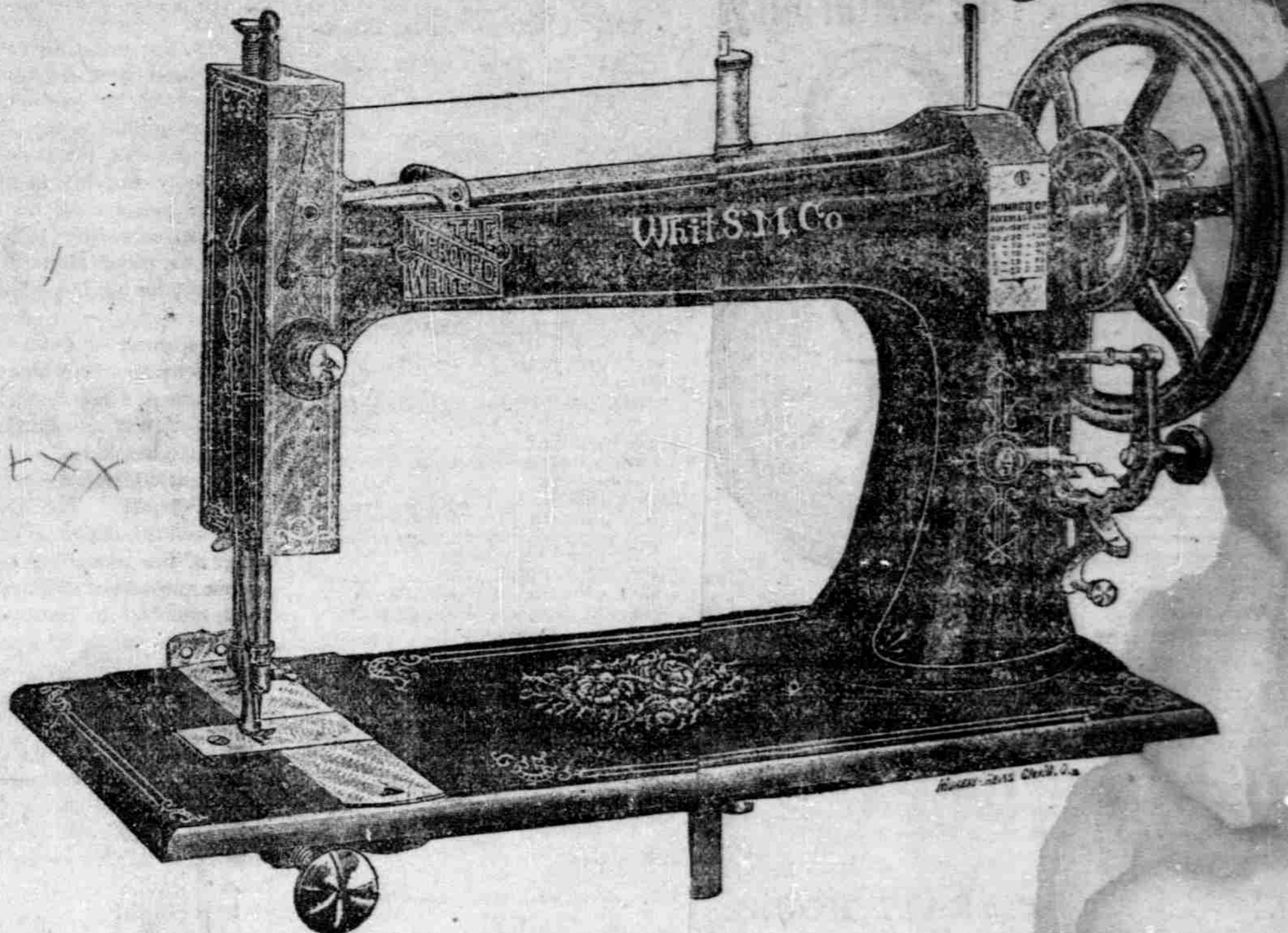
The coal deposits were more surprising even than the timber. Prof. Proctor, at my request, had kindly ordered examinations of the coal veins of Wolfe county, to be made by his assistants in the past winter, and coal was found near Campton, which develops as one of the best coking veins in America. Lands containing similar deposits in Pennsylvania are worth \$2,000 an acre. A thorough analysis shows the seam to be thicker, while the quality is equal to the best Pennsylvania coke-making coal. The Wolfe county coal seems to be singularly free from sulphur. The deposit begins on the Red river, west of McNab's mountain, and continues throughout the entire county. A thousand coke ovens could be profitably operated at or near Campton and the yield from these and four or five coal mines would produce a dollar per day for every man in Wolfe county.

The iron deposits were found, also, to be much thicker than was originally believed. The best quality of iron ore is found near Red river, with a thickness of four feet in the vein, and this within eight miles of a very fine quality of coking coal; thus making Wolfe county, and Powell, one of the most economical places for the manufacture of iron in America. The coal and the iron can be found within from two to ten miles of each other, both of a very high quality, and I am informed that there is no place in this country where a similar state of affairs can be found, except near Cumberland Gap on the Tennessee and Kentucky line. This would unquestionably enable parties to manufacture iron at not exceeding \$11 to \$12 per ton. If this be true, when railway communication is established, Wolfe county will be the seat of large iron manufactories. It is thus apparent that your county has, in a remarkable degree, and all right together,—the great essentials to wealth and prosperity, fine timber, coking and other bituminous coal and iron deposits. A railway passing through Wolfe on the suggested line of the Kentucky Union would make for the county an annual revenue from these three products of \$4000,000. If such wealth were in Pennsylvania, Ohio or Indiana, a line would be constructed in less than six months.

I was somewhat surprised not to find more enthusiasm among the people of Wolfe. Its taxable property is now set down at \$600,000. The construction of this road would, in three years, make the land in this county worth 6,000,000 of dollars; and yet some of your people seem indisposed to even take steps for the county to pay for the right of way for a line through its borders. There can be no question that Wolfe, Morgan,

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BENNET H. YOUNG,

The chairmen of the democratic county committees of the various counties composing this representative district are requested to meet in Frenchburg on Monday, March 16th, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of fixing the time, place and manner of selecting a candidate in this district.
LEWIS APPERSON, Chairman.

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